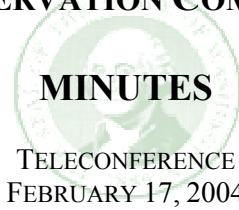


WASHINGTON STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING



The Washington State Conservation Commission (Commission) held a special meeting via teleconference on February 17 for the purposes of approving a budget correction for the CREP Program. Commission Chair Eriksen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

SUMMARY OF MOTIONS & ACTION ITEMS

1. **Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Budget Correction Memo. Commissioner Stoker seconded. Motion passed.**

ATTENDEES

Commission Members

Tracy Eriksen, Chair
Lynn Bahrych, Member
Lee Faulconer, Member, AG
Lynn Brown, Member
Jaclyn Reid, Member
Paul Stoker, Member, WACD
Bill Boyum, Member, DNR
Dave Peeler, Member, ECY

Commission Staff

Mark Clark, Executive Director
Debbie Becker, Program Mgr.
Stu Trefry, Field Services Mgr.
Marvin Johnson, Program Assistant

LEGAL BUSINESS

Marvin Johnson stated that the Code Reviser's Office was notified of the meeting in accordance with RCW 42.30.

CREP PROGRAM – BUDGET CORRECTION

Executive Director Clark explained the existing and future cost share and maintenance needs of the CREP program. The Conservation Commission was originally appropriated \$2 million in July 2003. The Conservation Commission also received \$575,000 in reappropriated dollars for the CREP Program.

The Conservation Commission submitted a Supplemental Budget Request for an additional \$2 million in October 2003.

Given the growth of the contracts and concerns about meeting contract obligations, the Conservation Districts in collaboration with the WACD CREP SubCommittee refined all the actual and anticipated costs associated with existing contracts.

Of the \$2.575 million appropriated, \$1.5 million has already been spent. Evaluating the anticipated costs of FY 04 and ½ of FY 05, we still remain \$254,000 short in meeting the obligations of existing contracts for this biennium.

1 The difference between the \$2.254 and \$4 million would be for enrolling new contracts. If less than \$4
2 million is appropriated by the Legislature, the recommendation would be to continue on the current funding
3 strategy until the next budget cycle. If the full \$4 million is received, the recommendation would be to include
4 all anticipated costs for existing contracts in the available amounts.
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6 Mr. Clark stated that he has met with OFM staff to talk about this budget correction and that they have also
7 reviewed the proposed memo. OFM wished to thank the Commission staff and the WACD Subcommittee for
8 the efforts in confirming the data.
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10 **Commissioner Brown moved to approve the Budget Correction Memo. Commissioner Stoker**
11 **seconded. Motion passed.**
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13 **ADJOURNMENT**

14 Chair Eriksen adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.
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